

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Wang et al.
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Circulating Cancer Cells Isolated
from Body Fluids and Methods of
Use

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Preliminary Amendment and Remarks

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants filed a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) on November 1, 2001. Prior to examination of the present CPA, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendments and Remarks. This Preliminary Amendment is provided in the following format:

(A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;

(B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments.

37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and MPEP 714; and

(C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent